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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for conducting the interview with the undersigned and an Interview Summary accompanies this response.

The new claims 41-60 are submitted in view of discussions made with the Examiner during the interview and are intended to facilitate the prosecution of the present application. The new claims are supported at least by Figs. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 9 and the associated teachings of the present application and are believed to be allowable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully requests examination of the pending claims.

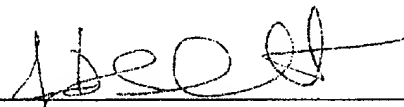
Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,

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